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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7824

BILL NUMBER: SB 427

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Health Care Practitioner Board Investigations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a hospital board to report a disciplinary action against a physician to the Medical Licensing Board. It provides that a person who files a complaint against a health care practitioner concerning a health care issue waives confidentiality of the person's health care records. It allows a board that regulates a practitioner to adopt rules concerning the prosecution of complaints and petitions for review of denial of applications. The bill amends the standards of practice for practitioners. It allows a board to impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for failing to comply with an order related to a narcotic drug. The bill also establishes procedures for reporting a practitioner's conviction or plea to certain crimes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Health Professions Bureau* - The bill also allows a licensing board to adopt rules concerning the filing and prosecution of complaints and the petitions for review of certain denied applications. Rule-making costs are expected to be minimal.

Attorney General's Office - This bill increases the reporting requirements for offending practitioners to their respective licensing boards, which may lead to an increase in reports received by the Attorney General's Office. The agency does not expect this bill to have much of an effect on the agency. Any fiscal impact on the agency should be minimal, if any.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Health Professions Bureau* - This bill adds to the professional standards for practitioners who are licensed, registered, or certified by health professions boards. The additional standards may increase the potential for violations to occur thus possibly leading to an increase in fines collected. Another

provision of the bill increases the maximum fine that may be assessed for one of the standards from \$1,000 to \$5,000. All fines collected for violating the health professions standards of practice are deposited in the state General Fund. The fiscal impact is dependent on the number of violations that occur.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Health Professions Bureau; Attorney General's Office.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Health Professions Bureau; Attorney General's Office.

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